

15 insurgents, 5 civilians killed in Borno

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Fifteen insurgents' Boko Haram were in the early hours of yesterday killed during an encounter with troops of the 21 Brigade under the Division 7 of the Nigerian Army in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State, the authorities of the Nigerian Army have said.

Dambo is about 87 kilometers

away from Maiduguri and have witnessed series of killing by the dreaded insurgents.

The Acting Army Public Relations Officer (APRO) of the division, Captain Aliyu Ibrahim Danja in a statement made available to newsmen yesterday said "The terrorists whose strength is unknown sneaked into the town at about 4:30 a.m, attacked worshipers in a mosque and killed 5 of them.

He also said that the insurgents set ablaze the palace of the district head of

the town, his house and some shops in the area.

"While they were unleashing their mayhem, troops under the 7 Division, engaged the terrorists, killing 15 of them in the process while others fled in disarray. Efforts are on to trace and destroy the fleeing terrorists," Captain Danja said in the statement.

According to the army spokesman, 1 Rocket Propelled Grenade tube, 2 Rocket Propelled Grenade Bombs, 5 AK 47 riffles, a pick up vehicle and

assorted ammunition were recovered from the fleeing members of the group.

"The General Officer Commanding 7 Division Nigerian Army wish to thank the general public for their resilience and effort by providing timely and useful information to security agencies and urge them to be security conscious by reporting any movement of unknown person/persons within their localities to the nearest army or security agencies location," he also said in the statement.



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